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1. In the Baltic States people in general believe that Georgiy M. Malenkov was dismissed because he was not up to his job and made mistakes in the conduct of state affairs.
2. The recent changes in the Soviet Government give some cause for hope that there may eventually be a weakening of Communist strength. The changes have, therefore, given some satisfaction to nationalist elements in the Baltic States. However, the new leaders are all Bolsheviks and the substitution of one for another is not thought likely to make any real change in the situation in the Baltics.
3. No radical changes in policy are expected to follow the changes in the Government. Nikolay A. Bulganin was evidently made Chairman of the Council of Ministers to give an aggressive government a head who is expert in war.¹ The population in general regards the changes as nothing but the usual muddle among the rulers in the Kremlin.

1. Comment. Bulganin is considered to be a political rather than a military general.

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